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Appln. No.: 10/536,771

Filed: December 10, 2003

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TRANSMISSION FOR WATER CURRENT
POWERED TURBINE

Attorney Docket No: 11226/008

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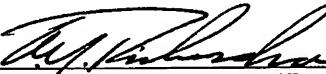
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